

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May as National Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS: Although over 100,000 Americans are living with Neurofibromatosis and one in every 3,000 babies is born with the disorder, it still is relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis affects people of all races and ethnic origins, and both sexes; and

WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis is more prevalent than cystic fibrosis, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and Huntington's disease combined; and

WHEREAS: Neurofibromatosis causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin; and

WHEREAS: The disorder can lead to the loss of sight or hearing; skeletal defects, such as abnormal curvature of the spine or bowing of the leg; learning disabilities; disfigurement; chronic pain; cardiovascular problems, including high blood pressure; cancer; and a wide variety of other complications; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for Neurofibromatosis; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process through a number of consortia called Synodos; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient healthcare through its national Neurofibromatosis Clinic Network; and

WHEREAS: The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its informational resources, youth programs and local chapter activities; and

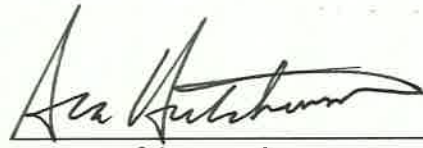
WHEREAS: Much remains to be done in raising public awareness of Neurofibromatosis to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2016, as

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to learn more about the symptoms and treatment of Neurofibromatosis and to improve the quality of life for those diagnosed with it.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



Mark Martin, Secretary Of State